

# McLean Citizens Association

## Resolution Regarding the Abatement of Airplane Noise Over the McLean/Langley Area

April 27, 2005

**Whereas**, the areas of McLean and Langley have suffered in recent years from a worsening problem of noise from aircraft traffic to and from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

**Whereas**, this problem results from arriving and departing aircraft not following noise abatement procedures which call for aircraft to follow a flight path directly over the Potomac River between the Airport and the American Legion Bridge; and

**Whereas**, most aircraft instead use a shortcut arrival and departure flight path over the densely populated areas of McLean and Langley; and

**Whereas**, these shortcut flight paths are not compatible with the recently approved flight paths specified by the Potomac Consolidated TRACON Airspace Redesign Project; and

**Whereas**, recently a multi-year noise compatibility study was completed for the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, coordinated by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), through a committee consisting of local government representatives, airline and business groups, and citizens groups; and

**Whereas**, this committee used noise exposure maps reflecting existing and anticipated future conditions and prepared a noise compatibility plan to reduce, to the extent possible, current and future aircraft noise; and

**Whereas**, this committee adopted a series of recommendations to implement changes in flight routes and operational procedures to reduce aircraft noise, the most important of which is the recommendation to implement advanced navigation procedures for arrivals and departures that will provide pilots the ability to follow flight paths along the center of the Potomac River corridor regardless of weather conditions; and

**Whereas**, these recommendations can be implemented without any negative impact on airport operations, and the Airline Pilots Association has approved of the use of advanced navigation to guide aircraft over the center of the River; and

**Whereas**, these recommendations have been approved by MWAA and MWCOG and have been submitted to the FAA for review and final approval; and

**Whereas**, the Airport Noise Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation has requested and received support from Congressman James Moran to request the FAA to provide fast-track approval for the recommendation to implement arrival and departure navigation procedures at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to provide pilots the ability to follow flight paths along the center of the Potomac River corridor; now therefore

**Be it resolved**, that the McLean Citizens Association fully endorses the recommendations of the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Noise Compatibility Study; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the McLean Citizens Association hereby requests Congressman Frank Wolf to request the FAA to provide fast-track approval for the recommendation to implement arrival and departure navigational procedures at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to provide pilots the ability to follow flight paths along the center of the Potomac River corridor.

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